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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following remarks and amendments are submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 17, 2003. Claims 1-15 are pending. With this response, claims 1 and 6 are amended. Reconsideration and further examination of the application are respectfully requested.

The time period for response is set to expire on October 17, 2003. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees therefore to the Kagan Binder deposit account no. 50-1775.

No other fees are believed to be required in connection with the filing of this response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Kagan Binder deposit account no. 50-1775 and thereafter notify us of the same.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 4 and 5 define patentable subject matter but for being dependent from a rejected base claim. In view of the accompanying remarks presented below, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.